GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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RECOGNITION OF BASMATI RICE FOR EXPORTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to recognise the Basmati rice grown only in Punjab, Haryana and Western Uttar Pradesh for export;

(b) if so, whether the Government have given another grade to the `Basmati` grown in other parts of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) : The Department of Commerce, considering it necessary and expedient for the development of export trade of basmati rice have published a Notification, inviting objections or suggestions for subjecting basmati rice to quality control and inspection prior to export. In the said order, it has inter-alia been indicated that `the specifications given in Schedule I (Traditional Indian Basmati Rice) and Schedule II (Evolved Indian Basmati Rice) apply to Basmati Rice varieties grown in Haryana, Punjab and Western part of Uttar Pradesh, all forming part of Indo Gangetic Plain beneath the Himalayan range in the designated areas`.This, however, does not preclude the possibility of including or excluding geographic areas, based on merit where basmati rice is grown.

(b) : No, Sir.

(c) : Does not arise.